

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This amendment is supplemental to the Response filed November 2, 2004, responsive to the non-final Office Action of June 21, 2004. Applicants submit this supplemental response at the request of the Examiner. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 18-25 and 43-50 have been canceled. Claims 1-17 and 26-42 remain pending.


Today, November 29, 2004, the Examiner contacted the undersigned and requested that a complete listing of claims be provided, even though no claim amendments or cancellations had been made in response to the prior office action. The Examiner also requested that the withdrawn claims be canceled.

Claims 18-25 and 43-50 have been canceled in response to the examiner's request. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of claims 18-25 and 43-50 prior to the termination of proceedings in this patent application.

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below. No fee is believed due, however, if any fees are required or if an overpayment has been made the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,  
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